## CHAPTER 438 FORMERLY SENATE BILL NO. 193

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE FALSE CLAIMS AND REPORTING ACT.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend § 1201(a), Title 6 of the Delaware as follows:

- § 1201 Liability for certain acts.
- (a) Any person who:
- (1) Knowingly presents, or causes to be presented a false or fraudulent claim for payment or approval;
- (2) Knowingly makes, uses or causes to be made or used a false record or statement material to a false or fraudulent claim;
  - (3) Conspires to commit a violation of paragraph (a)(1), (2), (4), (5), (6) or (7) of this section;
- (4) Has possession, custody or control of property or money used or to be used by the Government and knowingly delivers or causes to be delivered, less than all of that money or property;
- (5) Is authorized to make or deliver a document certifying receipt of property used or to be used by the Government and, intending to defraud the Government, makes or delivers the receipt without completely knowing that the information on the receipt is true;
- (6) Knowingly buys, or receives as a pledge of an obligation or debt, public property from an officer or employee of the Government who may not lawfully sell or pledge the property; or
- (7) Knowingly makes, uses, or causes to be made or used a false record or statement material to an obligation to pay or transmit money or property to the Government, or knowingly conceals or knowingly and improperly avoids or decreases an obligation to pay or transmit money or property to the Government shall be liable to the Government for a civil penalty of not less than \$10,957 and not more than \$21,916, as adjusted by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 2015 (28 U.S.C. § 2461), for each act constituting a violation of this section, plus 3 times the amount of damages which the Government sustains because of the act of that person.

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